

## Copper Harbor Lighthouse

**Location:** Begin your tour of the Copper Harbor light from the marina 1/2 mile west of Copper Harbor off M-26. The original Copper Harbor light, one of the first two lights on Lake Superior, was a round tower begun in 1848 and put into operation the following year. It was replaced in 1866 by the present building. The original 1848 light keeper's dwelling was opened to the public for the first time in 1998. Today, through interactive exhibits, period rooms and interpretive trails, lighthouse visitors discover the dangers of Lake Superior shipping and experience the duties and home life of light keeper's families. Visitors are greeted by a staff guide, but are also welcome to explore on their own.

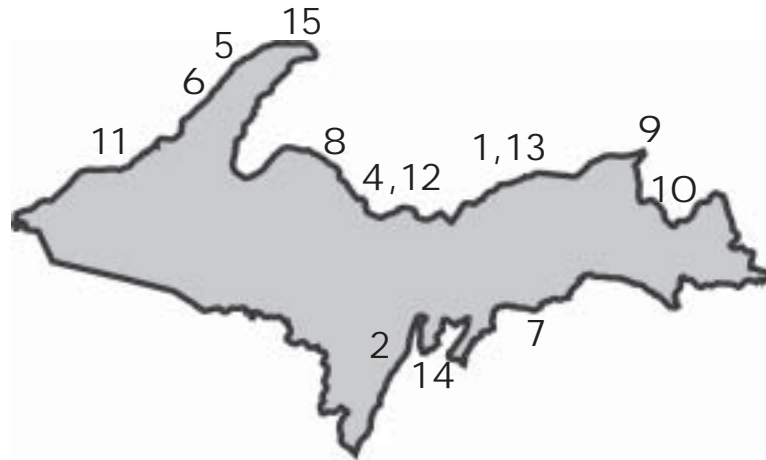
**Schedule:** Open Memorial Day through September.

**Admission:** None, but public access is by boat only. A boat tour is available from the Copper Harbor marina and gift shop.

**Contact:** 906 289 4215 (Fort Wilkins State Park)



All of these lighthouses are listed on the following website:  
<http://www.terrypepper.com/lights>



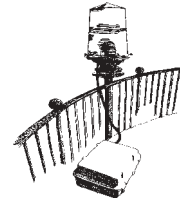
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## Lighthouses of the Upper Peninsula

### *A List of Publicly Accessible Light Stations*

## Au Sable Light Station

**Location:** Twelve miles west of Grand Marais, off H-58 and east of Hurricane River Campground. The lighthouse is a 1.5 mile walk beyond the campground. The Au Sable Light Station was constructed in 1874 to warn mariners of the sandstone Au Sable reef. The double keeper's quarters and light tower have been restored by the National Park Service. Remains of three shipwrecks can be seen along the beach.

**Schedule:** Grounds open year-round.

Guided tours July 1 through September 6, 12 am - 6 pm. Groups by appointment.

**Admission:** \$2 / \$1 **Phone:** 906 494 2669



## Sand Point Lighthouse

**Location:** On Sand Point, Escanaba. The Sand Point lighthouse was constructed in 1867 for \$11,000. It served until 1939 when the U.S. Coast Guard assumed management of the station. It was then used as a residence for the Chief-of-Station. In 1985, the Coast Guard discontinued its use and a 30 year license was granted to the Delta County Historical Society. Restoration was completed in 1990 and is now open as a museum and gift shop.

**Schedule:** June 1 - Sep. 1, daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. September hours: 1 - 4 p.m. daily. Other times by appointment.

**Admission:** \$1.00

**Contact Phone:** 906 786 3763



### Seul Choix Point

**Location:** Southeast of Gulliver off County Roads 432 and 431. Construction was completed in 1895 with a third order light. Today, an aircraft style beacon still shines 17 miles over Lake Michigan. The buildings have undergone restoration in recent years to the 1910-1920 era. The site includes a tower and keepers quarters tours, a museum, gift shop, boat launch and picnic area. The site is operated by the Gulliver Historical Society in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

**Schedule:** Open daily Memorial Day weekend through mid-October. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (depending on volunteer staffing)

**Admission:** \$2 adults, family and group rates available.

**Contact:** 906 283 3169



### Big Bay Lighthouse

**Location:** High atop a cliff jutting into the clear, deep waters of Lake Superior, the Big Bay Lighthouse beckons travelers in search of a secluded retreat from modern life. This unique bed and breakfast inn is one of the few surviving resident lighthouses in the country and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Big Bay Lighthouse is located 27 miles northwest of Marquette. Take CR 550 to Big Bay then follow the signs.

**Schedule:** Guided tours are available May through September at 1:00 & 2:00 Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.

**Admission:** \$2.00 (grounds open daily)

**Contact:** 906 345 9957 or on the web [www.keepers@lighthousebandb.com](mailto:www.keepers@lighthousebandb.com)



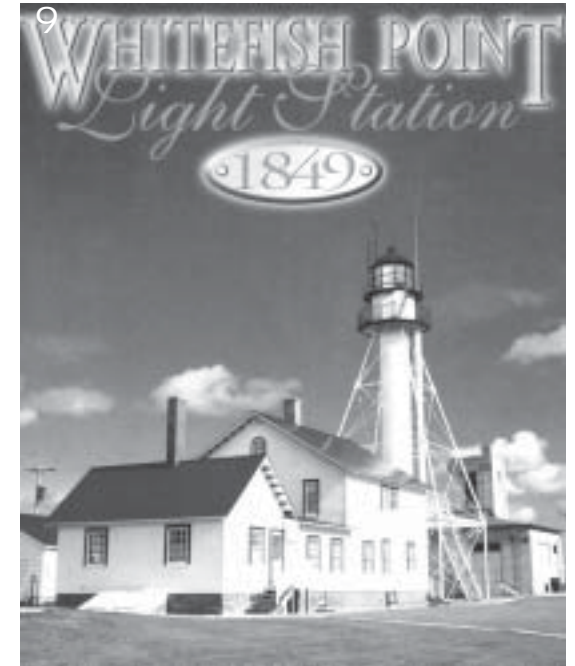
### Whitefish Point Light Station

**Location:** This is the oldest functioning lighthouse on Lake Superior, marking the critical turning point for all ships entering or leaving the lake. The treacherous waters that extend west the 80 miles to Munising earned the ominous title the "Shipwreck Coast." The *Edmund Fitzgerald* bell is displayed in the museum as a memorial to her lost crew.

**Schedule:** The site operates from May 15 to October 15. Visitors may tour the museum, see a 20 minute video, and tour the restored 1861 lightkeepers quarters. A museum store, group tours, and barrier-free access to the shoreline are available.

**Admission:** \$7 adults, \$4 students, \$20 family of four, groups of 20 or more: \$6 adults, \$4 students.

**Contact:** 1-877-SHIPWRECK or visit our web site at [www.shipwreckmuseum.com](http://www.shipwreckmuseum.com)



### Point Iroquois

**Location:** The museum reveals the stories of the lightkeepers and their families through photographs, antiques, and artifacts. Learn about the 4th order Fresnel lens that projected light 16 miles. Climb the tower's 72 steps for a picturesque view of Lake Superior. Observe freighters traveling through Whitefish Bay as you walk along the accessible boardwalk. Browse through our book shop which offers a wide selection of historical readings about the Great Lakes. Step back in time as you visit our restored 1950's era assistant keeper's apartment.

**Schedule:** May 15 - October 15, 9-5 daily

**Admission:** Free

**Contact:** 906 437 5272





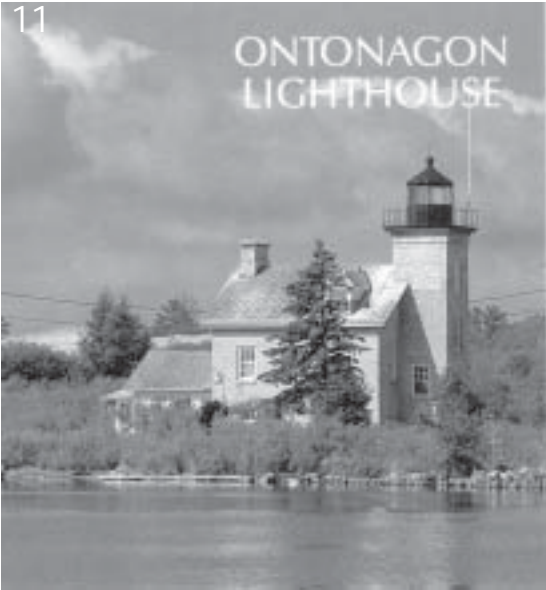
**Ontonagon Lighthouse**

**Location:** The light station is at the end of the river piers in the town of Ontonagon. To visit the light, stop by the Ontonagon Historical Society to see if volunteers are available to escort you. The light was built in 1852 and later replaced with the current building in 1866. The light is on the National Register of Historic Places but was abandoned in 1963. It is currently managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers through the efforts of the Ontonagon Coast Guard Auxiliary.

**Hours:** 9-5 Monday through Saturday in summer. Winter 9-5 Monday through Friday. Weekends by appointment in winter.

**Fee:** Museum fee is \$2, under 16 free

**Contact:** 906 884 6165



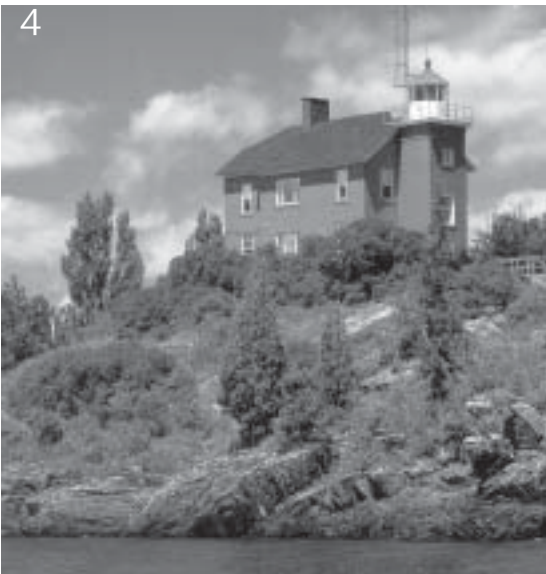
**Marquette Marbor Lighthouse**

**Location:** Situated on Lighthouse Point adjacent to the Marquette Maritime Museum on Lakeshore Blvd. The first structure was built in 1853 making it one of the older lighthouses on Lake Superior. The second floor was added in 1909. The original light was a Lewis lamp with a 4th order Fresnel lens with a clockwork turning mechanism being added in 1906. In 1907, an incandescent oil vapor lamp was installed. The light went electric in 1927 when the city of Marquette ran power to the lighthouse. Currently, the light is a 300 mm. plastic beacon. Lighthouse point was also the site for the Marquette Life Saving Station.

**Schedule:** It is still an operating lighthouse, but the Marquette Maritime Museum provides tours. Open daily May 1 - October 31.

**Fee:** \$3.00. Group family and student rates available.

**Contact:** 906 226 2006



**Eagle Harbor Light Station**

**Location:** Eagle Harbor is located thirty-five miles north of Houghton on US-41 and M-26. Copper and lumber were shipped from this area in the late 1800's. The lighthouse was constructed in 1871. The original 4th order Fresnel lens was replaced in 1968 with a rotating red and white beacon. It was automated in 1980. The fog signal was installed in 1895. Keweenaw County Historical Society maintains museums in the lighthouse fog signal building and assistant lightkeeper's dwelling. There is an observation deck overlooking Lake Superior. The light is midway between Sault Ste. Marie and Duluth/Superior.

**Schedule:** Mid-June to early October, noon to 5pm.

**Admission:** \$2.00. Under 12 free.

**Contact:** 906 289 4990



**Sand Hills Lighthouse Inn**

**Location:** This is the last and largest manned lighthouse built on the Great Lakes. The castle-style lighthouse, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, has recently undergone a restoration and is now open as a bed and breakfast inn. Located on the north shore of Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula, the lighthouse offers spectacular views of both sunrises and sunsets over Lake Superior. The lighthouse is located 8 miles north of Ahmeek at 5 Mile Point. Take U.S. 41 to Ahmeek and follow the signs to 5 Mile Point.

**Schedule:** One tour daily at 3 pm, June through October. Tours by appointment, November through May.

**Admission:** \$5.00 per person

**Contact:** 906 337 1744



### **Grand Marais Maritime Museum**

**Location:** Situated at the end of Canal Street on Coast Guard Point in Grand Marais, MI. this museum is operated by Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. The museum celebrates U.S. Lifesaving Service, U.S. Coast Guard, local fishing and shipwreck history.

**Schedule:** Schedule varies depending on volunteer staffing, but generally is open five days a week July 1 - Labor Day. Call ahead for hours. Site features Eastern National maritime bookstore.

**Admission:** Free

**Contact:** 906 494 2669 or 906 387 3700

**www:nps.gov/piro**



### **Burt Township Maritime Museum**

**Location:** Situated at the end of Canal Street on Coast Guard Point in Grand Marais, MI. this museum is operated by the Burt Township Historical Society. The museum interprets U.S. Lighthouse Service, local fishing and shipwreck history.

**Schedule:** Schedule varies depending on volunteer staffing, but generally is open five days a week July 1 - Labor Day. Call ahead for hours.

**Admission:** Donation



### **Marquette Maritime Museum**

**Location:** Situated on Lakeshore Blvd. in Marquette, the museum features maritime exhibits and the magnificent 2nd order, Stannard Rock, 3rd order Big Bay, and 4th order Marquette lens.

**Schedule:** It is still an operating lighthouse, but the Museum has role playing lighthouse keepers and lifesaving service captains that can take you up and around the lighthouse. Schedule: The Marquette Maritime Museum is open daily May 15 - October 31. Call ahead for lighthouse tour availability.

**Fee:** \$3.00. Group family and student rates available.

**Contact:** 906 226 2006

**www:mqtmaritimemuseum.com**



### **Peninsula Point Lighthouse**

**Location:** The light tower is reached by traveling east from Rapid River on U.S. 2 to the Stonington exit. Follow County Road 513 and Forest Road 2204 for 19 miles to the parking lot. The last mile of road is not recommended for recreational vehicles or trailers over 16' long or over 8' high. A parking area for RV's is available at the beginning of the narrow winding final mile of trail. (Note: only the tower is standing.)

**Schedule:** Open daily dawn to dusk. The light tower is open year-round. Restroom facilities open Memorial Day to Labor Day

**Admission:** Free

